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Applicant: Haaland *et al.* Group: 2863
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Office Action mailed 6/30/04, submit the following in complete response thereto, and request reconsideration of the claims presented.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS begin on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS

The Office indicated that Claims 39-86 are allowed. The Office repeated and made final the restriction requirement with regards to nonelected Claims 25-38. Accordingly, Applicants have canceled Claims 25-38.